



Editorial

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Mahalo, mahalo

Many thanks to Hawaii Medical Journal peer reviewers for continuing to provide nonbiased, broad-based manuscripts for the Hawaii Medical Association members, medical students and residents. With the New England Journal of Medicine we are the other peer reviewed regional medical journal in the United States.

The Journal is truly a publication for everyone in medicine. We appreciate the scholarly contributions to the Journal from the authors representing general medicine, various specialties in medicine and surgery. We especially acknowledge the authors' patience in the peer review process as it does take time. Our peer reviewers are all busy clinicians and/or researchers who often cannot accomplish this added responsibility immediately. With the aid of e-mail and fax replies, we are striving to shorten the time from submission to publication.

Russell Stodd, M.D. continues to cover various timely subjects in his regular column The Weathervane and also reports on the annual HMA meeting. Henry Yokoyama, though "retired", reviews meetings and also submits his witticisms.

Additional regular columns, the Medical School Hotline, the Cancer Research Center Hotline and the new Residents' Case Series keep our readers informed of the many activities in medicine in our state. Behind the scenes are the very busy Drake Chinen, our editorial assistant, and Michael Roth, our advertising representative. Ann Catts, M.D. and Drake Will, M.D. quietly and effectively continue proofreading the manuscripts. Thanks to Carolyn S. H. Ching and Marlene M. K. Cuenco of the Hawaii Medical Library for preparing our index.

Finally, a special "mahalo nui loa" to cover artist Dietrich Varez whose art is uniquely Hawaiian. As readers have often said, his art is a perfect representation of Hawaii for the Journal.

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